

## I-5 – South King County Projects Update

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### Federal Way I-5 Night Lane and Ramp Closures

**Northbound I-5, Sunday through Thursday nights (April 17-21)**  
pavement improvements

- Three lanes will be closed from **Military Road to S. 320<sup>th</sup> Street**. The first lane closes at 6 p.m., the second at 7 p.m. and the third at 11 p.m.
- All northbound lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. each following morning.

**Southbound I-5, Monday through Thursday nights (April 18-21)**  
pavement improvements

- Three lanes will be closed from **Military Road to Highway 161**. The first lane closes at 7 p.m., the second at 9 p.m. and the third at 11 p.m.
- All southbound lanes from **Military Road to S. 320<sup>th</sup> Street** will reopen by 5 a.m. each following morning.
- From **S. 320<sup>th</sup> Street to Highway 161**, one southbound lane will reopen by 5 a.m., the second by 6 a.m., and the third by 10 a.m. each following morning.

**Southbound I-5 exit to S. 320<sup>th</sup>, Thursday night (April 21)**  
traffic shift (shift traffic onto new ramp right/west of current ramp)

- This exit will be closed from 10 p.m. Thursday, April 21 until 5 a.m. Friday, April 22. Drivers will be detoured to the Highway 18 exit, onto northbound I-5, and onto the northbound exit to S. 320<sup>th</sup>.

### Federal Way I-5 Weekend Pavement Replacement

On the weekend of April 29-May 2, we are planning an around-the-clock, Friday night to Monday morning closure of two to three lanes of southbound I-5 from S. 336<sup>th</sup> Street (just north of Highway 18) to the Pierce County Line. We will close two lanes during the day and three lanes at night. This closure is required for crews to replace 51 badly damaged concrete panels in the safest and most efficient manner possible.

This closure will occur simultaneously with closures of southbound I-5 in Seattle (see below). We'll provide more details in next week's e-mail update. For more information, please visit [http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/i5/hovPiercetoTukwila/I5HOV\\_Pierce\\_S320th/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/i5/hovPiercetoTukwila/I5HOV_Pierce_S320th/).

## Seattle I-5 Weekend Pavement Replacement

We postponed this past weekend's planned lane and ramp closures on southbound I-5 in downtown Seattle due to rainy forecasts. We now plan to begin replacing the 40-year-old pavement this coming weekend (April 22-25), if dry weather forecasts hold.

For up-to-date information on closures, weather delays or other late-breaking news related to James to Olive paving, please visit the project Web page at [http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/James\\_Olive/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/James_Olive/). There you can also sign up for e-mail updates specific to I-5 in Seattle.

## Construction Update: I-5 - S. 317<sup>th</sup> HOV Direct Access

Crews continue pavement grinding on southbound I-5 between Military Road and S. 320<sup>th</sup>. We're also grinding the pavement and performing dowel bar retrofitting on northbound I-5 in the project area.

Along the southbound exit to S. 320<sup>th</sup>, we've installed curb, guardrail, and the foundation for a large signpost. We'll shift traffic on this ramp over to the right – against the new retaining wall – this Thursday night, April 21.

To view the latest construction photos, visit [http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/S317th\\_DirectAccess/photos/apr05.htm](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/S317th_DirectAccess/photos/apr05.htm).

## Construction Update: I-5 HOV Widening

We're in the second week of pavement grinding on southbound I-5 south of S. 320<sup>th</sup>. Crews are also clearing and excavating for two new detention ponds on the east side of I-5: one at S. 336<sup>th</sup> and one at S. 375<sup>th</sup>. We're implementing erosion control techniques and installing various devices to protect the environment during construction, including silt fences to filter runoff.

For more information on this project, visit [http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/i5/hovPiercetoTukwila/I5HOV\\_Pierce\\_S320th/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/i5/hovPiercetoTukwila/I5HOV_Pierce_S320th/).

## Earth Day – Friday, April 22

This Friday, April 22, is the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Earth Day – a day to promote environmental preservation. Protecting the environment during and after construction projects is very important to WSDOT and Sound Transit. We are [conserving water](#) during our pavement grinding work through the use of slurry ponds. Visit the S. 317<sup>th</sup> project photo pages to see more examples of our [environmental protection measures](#).

## Subcontractor – Buckley Nursery

On the west slopes of I-5 near S. 320<sup>th</sup>, crews have placed soil amendments and compost for planting areas, and a green layer of [grass and wildflower seed mix](#) covers the slopes. But who cultivates this vegetation? It's not the same folks who are pouring concrete.

Prime contractor Icon Materials hired Buckley Nursery to perform the landscaping on the I-5 S. 317<sup>th</sup> HOV Direct Access Project. Buckley Nursery has had two workers on site so far, and will have a larger crew in action when tree and shrub planting takes place this fall.

The City of Buckley is located about 45 minutes southeast of Federal Way, at the base of Mount Rainier. Buckley has a population of around 4,500 (compared to Federal Way's population of 83,000). Buckley Nursery has a long history of local landscaping work – they were one of the firms hired to do landscaping for the 1962 Seattle World's Fair.

## Highway Advisory Radio Updates

Tune your radio to **AM 1520** to hear a new project update each week on I-5 in Federal Way. Questions or comments? E-mail Laura Johnson at [JohnsoL@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:JohnsoL@wsdot.wa.gov).

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